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Dear Business Operator,

Happy New Year!

Please find the January 2017 edition of Business Matters in Wyndham below which aims to provide useful and interesting information to the Wyndham business community.

If you require further information please feel free to contact Wyndham City's Economic Growth, Industry Facilitation & Tourism Department on 9742 0771 or business@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Event, Training & Network Opportunities

2017 Business Training Calendar

Wyndham City Council provides free business training and events for the local business community.

Most events are held at the Wyndham City Council's Civic Centre at 45 Princes Highway, Werribee. Places are limited and online [registration](#) is required.

For a list of the events proposed for 2017 click [here](#).

The first three events of the year are open for registrations (see below).

[Small Business Strategies for Financial Performance – 1 February](#)

Date: Wednesday 1 February

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Where: Wyndham City Council
45 Princes Highway, Werribee

Presenter: Deakin University

Cost: Free

Bookings: Click [here](#)

[Get Savvy with Online Marketing – 16 February](#)

Date: Thursday 16 February

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Where: Wyndham City Council
45 Princes Highway, Werribee

Presenter: [Melbourne Innovation Centre](#)

Cost: Free

Bookings: Click [here](#)

[Wyndham BizNet – 7 March](#)

Date: Tuesday 7 March

Time: 6.30pm

Where: ShadowFax Wines
K Road, Werribee South

Presenter: North Melbourne Football Club

Cost: \$50 member/\$65 non-member

Bookings: Click [here](#)

[Women in Business Luncheon – 8 March](#)

Date: Wednesday 8 March

Time: 12.00pm (noon) to 2.00pm

Where: Wyndham City Council
45 Princes Highway, Werribee

Presenter:

Anne Barker, Chair of Lead West & former Managing Director City West Water

Karen Davies, Owner & Operator Direct Vet Services & Wyndham Businessperson of the Year

Cost: Free

Bookings: Click [here](#)

Make sure you book early as places are already filling fast.



Develop a Strategic Growth Plan for your business

Want to develop a strategic growth plan for your business but not sure where to start?

Join the government sponsored “Grow Your Business” training program and receive individual guidance from experienced business consultants, ION Group.

To be eligible businesses must be based in Wyndham, be financially viable, have at least 12 months of trading history and minimum turnover (sales) of \$250,000.

Only manufacturers and business to business tradeable services can apply. Retailers are not eligible.

Email the Economic Growth Unit at Wyndham City business@wyndham.vic.gov.au for a flyer or contact Leigh Crocker at ION Group to discuss the program in more detail.

The program is subsidised by the Victorian Government.

More information

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Tips, Resources & Business Opportunities

Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The [Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action \(WAGA\)](#) is a partnership of eight councils to the west of Melbourne.

Wyndham City is a member along with the Cities of Brimbank, Greater Geelong, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and the Shire of Moorabool.

The WAGA councils have made significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions over the last five years. Savings measured so far amount to 32,427 tonnes of CO₂-e on average per annum.

WAGA councils work collaboratively to respond to climate change across the region and encourage their communities – residents and businesses – to make a transition to a low carbon society.

More information

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WAGA

Western Alliance for
Greenhouse Action

Helping Melbourne's western region
prosper and thrive in a changing climate.



Support for Small Business

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 9.00am to midday, a Wyndham City Council Economic Growth staff member is based at the Julia Gillard Library Tarneit's Co-Working Space to advise you about services and support available for small business.

Alternatively, appointments can be made to meet with Economic Growth staff at Wyndham City Council's Civic Centre, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee during business hours Monday to Friday.

Please email business@wyndham.vic.gov.au or call 9742 0788 to make an appointment.



Tenders, EOIs and Quotes

[Contract No. C1823/17:](#)

[Armstrong Road Construction & CWW Dual Water Main Works](#)

Grants & Financial Assistance

New Energy Jobs Fund

The Victorian Government's New Energy Jobs Fund supports Victorian-based projects that create long-term sustainable jobs, increase the uptake of renewable energy generation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and drive innovation in new energy technologies.

There are three rounds of funding available with the first round closed. Round 2 (\$6 million) is currently open via two Streams – Industry and Community (not-for-profit organisations, co-operatives, social enterprises and local councils).

The Industry Stream supports new energy technology projects under the following categories:

Manufacturing
Energy Storage
Technology
Skills and Capacity Building

Eligible projects may include physical projects, innovative business and finance models, and projects that address skills gaps in the sector.

Grant funding for individual projects will range from \$50,000 to \$1 million. The exception is community renewable energy feasibility studies and business cases, with a minimum limit of \$20,000 and a maximum limit of \$50,000 and \$100,000 respectively.

[Applications](#) for Round 2 funding close 2pm, 1 March 2017.

If you have any comments or suggestions on topics you would like to hear about please [email](#) us as we would welcome your feedback.

Kind regards,

Economic Growth Unit
Wyndham City

